

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (original): A method of making a laminate elastic fabric, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a first and second nonwoven fabric web comprised of thermoplastic polymers having a CD elongation of at least 120%;
- b) providing an elastic film comprised of a vinylidene isoprene polymer having a thickness of between about 0.5 and 3.5 mils;
- c) positioning said elastic film between said first and second nonwoven webs, in face to face juxtaposition, said first and second nonwoven webs and said film being in substantially relaxed, untensioned states; and
- d) applying elevated temperature to affix said nonwoven webs to said film, said elevated temperature provided by contact with an engraved calender roll having a discontinuous bond pattern of no greater than 15% land area.

Claim 2 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, wherein said attaching of said first non-woven web to said elastic film comprises extrusion coating said elastic film onto said web.

Claim 3 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, wherein said non-woven fabric web has a CD elongation of at least 150%.

Claim 4 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, wherein said non-woven web comprises a member chosen from the group consisting of spunbond continuous filaments, meltblown continuous filaments, hydroentangled carded staple fibers, thermally bonded carded staple fibers, and adhesively bonded carded staple fibers.

Claim 5 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, wherein said vinylidene isoprene film comprises 70-95% of a block copolymer with the general formula chosen from the group consisting of:

$A-B-R-(B-A)_n$ where A is a monovinylidene aromatic monomer, B is a conjugated diene, R is a remnant of a multifunctional coupling agent, and n is an integer from 1-5; and

$A_x-(BA)_y-BA$ where A is a monovinylidene aromatic monomer, B is a conjugated diene, x is from 0-1, and y is from 0-3.

Claim 6 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, wherein said vinylidene isoprene film has a thickness in the range of about 2.0 to 2.5 mils.

Claim 7 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, further comprising the steps of providing a second non-woven fabric web comprised of thermoplastic polymers, and attaching said second non-woven fabric web to said elastic film.

Claim 8 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 7, wherein said second non-woven web is calendered to said film at a temperature in the range of the film melting point.

Claim 9 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, wherein said non-woven web has a basis weight between about 10-100 gm/m².

Claim 10 (original): A method of making an elastic fabric as in claim 1, wherein said non-woven web has a basis weight between about 15-50 gm/m².

Claim 11 (original): A method of making an elastic film as in claim 1, further comprising the step of tensioning the laminated fabric in the machine

direction after attaching said non-woven layer to said elastic layer, and subsequently releasing the tension to thereby increase machine direction elongation and decrease stretch force.

Claims 12 through 25 (cancelled).

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